

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF FERTILIZERS THROUGH L.N.G
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to cancel the scheme to increase fertilizer production through imported Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG);
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the report of Awasthi Committee has been examined in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the reaction of the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c)&(d): The pre-feasibility report on the import of LNG for manufacture of fertilizers, submitted by the Core Group headed by Shri U.S. Awasthi, Managing Director, Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO), has been examined by the Government. The Core Group in its report had recommended setting up of a 7 million tonne per annum LNG Project, basically for fertilizer feedstock but which could also serve complementary sectors like power, domestic gas etc., to be implemented in two phases in a period of 7 1/2 years at an estimated cost of Rs. 21832 crore.

(e) To address the issue relating to possible decline in the supply of natural gas in the coming year, Government have directed the Core Group for fertilizer companies to prepare a detailed feasibility report for setting up of an integrated chain of LNG supply in the country.